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Governor Napolitano's Traffic Safety Advisory Council's "Transportation Safety Event"

The second annual "Transportation Safety Event" will be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm this Thursday, February 2nd, at the state Capitol. Members of the media and the public are invited to attend this event and learn more about the traffic safety efforts of Governor Janet Napolitano's, Traffic Safety Advisory Council.

Arizona is one of the fastest growing states in the nation. This growth means there will be additional drivers of all ages and experience levels traveling on our streets, roads, highways and freeways. The Governor and the Traffic Safety Advisory Council are committed to improving transportation safety for the citizens of Arizona through the development and promotion of traffic safety strategies.

State lawmakers and their staff will be attending the event that will feature informational booths on the mezzanine area on the 2nd floor and outside the conference room of the Executive Tower. Displays such as crash vehicles, an airbag simulator and a new DPS BMW motorcycle will be displayed on 18th avenue just outside the Capitol.

Members of the media are invited to the luncheon in the 2nd floor conference room at 11:30 am. Speakers from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Highway Administration will address national and Arizona highway safety issues.

The Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council is made up of 13 agencies and organizations that help direct the development of a Transportation Safety Plan by an Executive Transportation Safety Committee. The Executive Committee has representations from five agencies: the Arizona Governor's Office of Highway Safety, the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the Arizona Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

The Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council is represented by the following: AAA of Arizona, Arizona County Sheriff's Association, Arizona Chiefs of Police, Arizona Safe Kids Coalition, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, National Safety Council, Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona, Maricopa Association of Governments, and the Pima Association of Governments.

PROGRAM EVENTS

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- GTSAC information booths will be operational from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the 2nd Floor Mezzanine.

11:30-11:45 a.m.

- RSVP Lunches available at 2nd Floor Conference Room. (Lunch provided to media no RSVP)

11:45-12:15 p.m.

- Victor Mendez, Director, Arizona Department of Transportation, welcomes guests and provides overview of Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council (GTSAC).
- Director Mendez introduces guest speakers:
 - Mike Halladay, Federal Highway Administration
 - Steve Guderian, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Western Region Program Manager
- Director Mendez introduces GTSAC Executive Council:
 - Richard Fimbres, Director, Governor's Office of Highway Safety
 - Roger Vanderpool, Director, Department of Public Safety
 - Bob Hollis, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
 - Eric Ice, Director, Division Administrator, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Director Mendez acknowledges the GTSAC Members: